

beau [bəʊ] *n* (*pl мж. beaux* [bəʊz])

1. щёголь, фронт
 2. кавалер, поклонник
- an old beau - старый селадон
she had many beaux - у неё было много поклонников

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beau [beau beaux beaus] *BrE* [bəʊ] ^m *NAmE* [boʊ] ^m **noun** (*pl. beaux* or *beaus* *BrE* [bəʊz] ^m ; *NAmE* [boʊz] ^m)(old-fashioned)
a woman's male lover or friend

Word Origin:

late 17th cent. (referring to a rich, fashionable young man): from French, literally handsome, from Latin **bellus**.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: beau 'beautiful', from Latin bellus; ⇨ ↑beauty]

1. a woman's close friend or lover
2. a fashionable well-dressed man

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- **boyfriend** a boy or man that you have a romantic relationship with, especially for a fairly long time: Josh was my first boyfriend.
- **partner** the person you are married to, or the person you are living with and having a sexual relationship with: Sweden allows gay partners to receive many of the same benefits that married couples get. | Partners are also welcome.
- **fiancé** the man whom a woman is going to marry: Her fiancé was killed in the war.
- **lover** someone who you have a sexual relationship with, without being married to them: A few nights later, they became lovers.
- **ex informal** a woman's former husband or boyfriend: Her ex has caused a lot of trouble for her.
- **old flame informal** someone who was your boyfriend in the past: In a box in the closet, I found love letters from one of her old flames.
- **man informal** a woman's husband or boyfriend: She'll always stand by her man.
- **sweetheart old-fashioned** the person that you love: They were childhood sweethearts.
- **beau old-fashioned** a woman's boyfriend or lover - a very old-fashioned use: Does she have a beau?
- **toy boy informal humorous** a young man who is having a sexual relationship with an older woman: A woman with a toy boy gets a lot more disapproving looks than a man with a younger woman.
- **sugar daddy informal** an older man who gives a younger woman presents and money in return for their company and often for sex: I can imagine her cashing checks from some mysterious sugar daddy.
- **be going out with somebody** if you are going out with a boy or man, you have him as your boyfriend: She's been going out with Jack for a couple of months.

⇨ ↑girlfriend

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